

Appl. No. 10/038,934
Arndt, Dated March 8, 2005
Reply to Office action of December 15, 2005
Attorney Docket No. P16135/1005-0016
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended Claims 1, 4, and 7; Claims 3 and 8 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-2, 4-7, and 9-16 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 10-16.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the conditional allowance of claims 3-6, and 8-9. As the Examiner has suggested, claims 3 and 8 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitation of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Consequently, the Applicant believes claims 1-2, 4-7, and 9 are also in a condition of allowance. The Examiner's consideration of these claims is also respectfully requested.

3.) Prior Art Not Relied Upon

On page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure.

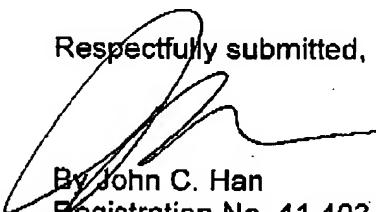
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,


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